

THE OAKLAND MEETING.

Do not forget that the place of meeting of the State Society for this year (1913) has been changed from Santa Cruz to Oakland. The headquarters will be at the Oakland Hotel, opened to the public in December last, and doubtless most of the meetings if not all of them, will be held in the hotel. The hotel is run on the European plan and the rates for rooms have been fixed as follows: Without bath, single \$1.50, double \$2.50; with bath, single \$2.50, double \$3.50. The restaurant in the hotel is said to be very good and there are a number of other first class restaurants in the vicinity. Owing to the change in the place of meeting, a new Committee of Arrangements had to be appointed and the President, Dr. Hamlin, has appointed the following physicians of Oakland: E. N. Ewer, Chairman; G. G. Reinle, L. P. Adams, J. L. Milton and M. L. Emerson. The Committee on Scientific Work (Program Committee) is hard at work and has arranged a very fine program; the Chairman of the Committee is Dr. Dudley Fulton, Los Angeles. The Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Section is arranging its own program, the work being done by Dr. H. B. Graham, San Francisco. The Urological Section is arranging its own program under the direction of Dr. Wm. Gross, San Francisco. Definite arrangements as to clinics have not been completed at the time of writing, but it is quite safe to announce that there will be a goodly number of very interesting clinics arranged for one day—or a part of one day—in Oakland and on Friday and Saturday, after the regular sessions of the Society, in San Francisco. It is expected that there will be a very large attendance, as clinical material is always interesting and in addition the program is a particularly attractive one. Do not fail to arrange your affairs so that you can attend this meeting. A preliminary, and more or less fragmentary program will be found elsewhere in this issue of the JOURNAL.

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MEDICAL BUILDING.

Have you thought anything about that suggestion in the last JOURNAL as to the county society owning its own building? It can be done by a good many—if not most—of the county societies in California. You all pay rent to somebody; why not pay it to the county society? It is merely a matter of finance and of getting together, and the getting together, in some places, seems to be the hardest part of the problem. Elsewhere in this issue is the report of the Los Angeles County Association, with a statement of their building plan and a cut of the proposed Medical Building. Look it over. It is well worth your careful study, this idea of owning your own building; and it can be done. In San Francisco, the matter is still being

worked upon and unless petty personalities or dissensions come along and stop it, San Francisco will probably have its own building in the course of time. Unfortunately for San Francisco, it is notorious that scarcely ever can "two or three" be found in that community who will act together and in harmony, and even now it is rumored that a certain number of members of the county medical society do not wish to wait and see if the building scheme will materialize but would have the society immediately attach itself to the worshipers at another shrine. This is most unfortunate because every effort should be made to see if the building plan can be put through (and Los Angeles has shown us that it is *possible*) before any other plan of future development is even considered.

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LODGE AND CONTRACT DOCTORS BARRED.

The San Francisco County Medical Society has, through its committee on admissions, taken a stand that should receive careful consideration at the hands of all our county units. It has ruled that it will not recommend for membership any physician who is connected with lodge work or "dollar-a-month" contract work. The reason for this rule is quite as interesting as the rule itself. The argument is that physicians who are doing this work are, naturally, doing a good deal of work more or less carelessly and that, as any carelessly treated patient may bring a just suit or one which would cost the State Society a good deal of money, it is to the advantage of the society to exclude such physicians from the benefits of membership. The danger pointed out in the reason given by the committee is not imaginary; it is a very real one. We know perfectly well that any physician who is getting about ten cents a visit for his professional work is not going to give it the attention which it deserves; consciously or unconsciously, he will neglect such patients; they will get about ten cents worth of medical care. The San Francisco society is to be commended for its action and similar action is recommended to all our county societies.

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GOING TO BUY AN AUTOMOBILE?

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